

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Kiyoshi Kusama et al. ) : Examiner: Leon Jonathan Harper  
Application No. 10/628,407 ) : Group Art Unit: 2166  
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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Sir:

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application for the courtesy extended toward their representatives during the telephone conversation of November 24, 2009.

During the telephone conversation, Applicants' representatives and the Examiner discussed the claimed invention. Applicants' representatives then discussed the differences between the cited references to U.S. Patent No. 3,676,982 (Eiselen) and U.S. Patent No. 6,134,347 (Niwamoto) and the claimed invention, as is substantially set forth in the Amendment filed on October 19, 2009.

At the conclusion of the interview, the Examiner indicated that his initial view was that the Amendment filed October 19, 2009, overcame the outstanding rejection in view of Eiselen and Niwamoto, subject to his further search and consideration.

No fee is believed due. However, any fee required in connection with this paper should be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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